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SUBJECT: GATT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: LONG CALLED TODAY TO SAY THE OECD SECRETARIAT WANTS TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND PREPCOM SESSIONS. HE IS CONSULTING CP DELEGATIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. LONG SAID GATT SECRETARIAT HAD INVITED IMF AND UNCTAD SECRETARIATS TO FIRST MEETING OF PREPCOM ON BASIS OF NEED TO COORDINATE WORK OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ON TRADE AND MONETARY AFFAIRS. SECRETARIAT HAS WORKED ON FURTHER ASSUMPTIONS THAT FAO ALSO SHOULD BE INVITED IF AGRICULTURE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION SAND THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT DELEGATIONS IF ANY OTHER AGENCY ASKS TO ATTEND. HOWEVER THERE WAS NO REQUEST OR HINT OF WISH BY ANY OTHER AGENCY TO ATTEND FIRST MEETING. HE NOW HAS HEARD FROM VAN LENNEP THAT OECD WISHES TO BE INVITED AND WILL ASK OECD MEMBER COUNTRY TO RAISE QUESTION IF GATT SECRETARIAT DOES NOT EXTEND INVITATION.

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3. LONG, WHILE AVOWING NO POSITION ON OECD REQUEST, IS CONCERNED THAT OECD ATTENDANCE WOULD LEAD TO REQUESTS AND PRESSURE FROM LDCS FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES TO ATTEND.

4. COMMENT: OECD WORK OBVIOUSLY IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THAT OF PREPCOM. IN SPITE OF RISK THAT OTHER AGENCIES MAY ASK TO BE REPRESENTED AND WE PROBABLY COULD NOT SUCCESSFULLY RESIST REQUESTS BY SOME OF THESE (NOTABLY REGIONAL COMMISSIONS) TO ATTEND, SINCE OECD HAS ASKED WE THINK ON BALANCE INVITATION SHOULD BE EXTENDED. RECOMMEND WE SO INFORM LONG AND TELL HIM WE THINK ANY FURTHER REQUEST SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH PREPCOM. RIMESTAD

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